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Report from Nagasaki—Examination of emigrants.

Acting Sanitary Inspector Thompson reports, March 13:

Two emigrants per steamship *Chito Maru* for Honolulu recommended for rejection.

MEXICO.

Inspection of localities on the line of the Mexican International Railroad for smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hume, at Laredo, Tex., was directed by the bureau, March 29, to investigate smallpox on the line of the Mexican International Railroad. He reports April 7:

I left Eagle Pass March 30 and proceeded to Sabinas, Mexico, where I found 1 case of smallpox quarantined at a safe distance from the town. This case was thoroughly isolated and convalescing. Sabinas has had some 10 cases of smallpox.

Conditions at San Juan de Sabinas, which is situated 5 miles from Sabinas and off the line of railroad, were found to be good. Three cases of smallpox were found at Rosita, which is a large mining camp, also removed from the railway line. The camp was thoroughly examined.

All cases are removed to a camp where the patients are isolated. Quarters are burned after the death or convalescence of the diseased individuals, and all cats and dogs which might have been exposed to the disease are killed.

No smallpox was found at dwellings between Rosita and Encino Solo. April 3 inspected Cloaty's mine and Aguajita.

Report from Coatzacoalcos—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Thompson reports, April 2:

Week ended March 31. Bills of health issued to 3 vessels bound for the United States.

No cases of quarantinable disease were reported during the week.

NICARAGUA.

Report from Bluefields, fruit port—Sanitary conditions.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Layton reports, April 1:

The general health conditions in the vicinity of Bluefields appear to be good. Malarial fever is the prevailing disease, both in the town and in the surrounding country. Mosquitoes are noticeably few. The *Stegomyia calopus* apparently is entirely absent. The dry season has already lasted nearly 4 weeks. The parched condition of the soil, the absence of breeding places, and the numerous empty cisterns throughout the town account for the few mosquitoes present. A drinking-water famine is imminent, and unless rain falls shortly water for all other purposes will have to be carried from a distance and from sources not to be relied upon.

According to the official estimate, the population of Bluefields decreased since last November from 3,500 to 2,500—a loss of a thousand inhabitants in less than half a year. Diseases and death have